

# GREAT HAMMERHEAD SHARK

Scientific name:  
*Sphyrna mokarran*

Listed as **Critically  
Endangered** on the  
IUCN Red List

Their dorsal fin is longer than their pectoral fins, so swimming sideways increases their "wingspan." This allows them to swim more efficiently (saves energy).

Named for their hammer shaped head which is known as the cephalofoil.

Largest species of hammerhead shark.  
Average length of 3.5-4 m (11.5-13 ft),  
but can reach up to 6.1 m (20 ft).

They use their head to pin down stingrays, a favorite prey item.